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SUBJECT: SOVIET AND CUBAN MILITARY ADVISORS

1. LAST NIGHT, IN MEETING WITH A SENIOR AND RELIABLE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, CONVERSATION TURNED TO SOVIET PRESENCE. I MENTIONED THAT I HAD HEARD THERE ARE 14 SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS. MATTER OF FACTLY, HE REPLIED THAT THERE ARE 17. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THERE ARE NO CUBAN MILITARY ADVISORS AS SUCH BUT NOTED THAT THE FREQUENCY OF CUBAN VISITORS IS QUITE HIGH AND THAT THEY HAVE A FREE RUN OF THE COUNTRY, WHICH DISTURBS SOURCE.

2. COMMENT: TWO GROUPS OF SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS ARE KNOWN TO BE IN PERU: ONE IN THE T-55 TANKS INSTRUCTION FIELD, THE OTHER CONNECTED WITH SOVIET HELICOPTERS.
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